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For: LUBRICANT COMPOSITIONS



Before the Examiner

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Group Art Unit No.
1714

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Sir:

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- [X] Reply to Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species, Transmittal Form and Postcard.
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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 16, 2005, which presented requirements for restriction election of species.

Applicants have been requested, in accordance with 35 USC Section 121 to restrict the claimed invention to one of:

- I. Claims 1 through 15, 18 and 19, drawn to lubricant mixtures or additive mixtures, classified in class 508 (subclass dependent on specie elected);
- II. Claims 16 and 17, drawn to salts of dihydrocarbylthiophosphoric acid, classified in class 532 (subclass dependent on specie elected); and
- III. Claim 20, drawn to dihydrocarbylthiophosphoric acid, classified in class 532 (subclass dependent on specie elected).

Applicants hereby select for further prosecution in the present application, the claims of Group I, specifically, claims 1 through 15, 18 and 19.

Applicants have been further requested to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants hereby elect the species wherein the (A) oil soluble or oil-dispersible salt of a

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dihydrocarbylthiophosphoric acid is a zinc salt of a dihydrocarbylthiophosphoric acid derived by reaction of a phosphous sulfide and a mixture of 4-methyl-2-pentanol and dipropylene glycol; and the oil-soluble or oil-dispersible molybdenum compound is a molybdenum dithiocarbamate compound. Claims 1 through 6, 8 through 15, 18 and 19 read on the elected species, which is exemplified as "Oil 8" of the present specification.

No traversal of either the requirement for restriction or election of species is presented. However, applicants expressly reserve their right to file a divisional application claiming the non-elected subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that substantive examination of the application proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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